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INTERVIEW OF CAPTAIN :
KAILASH SINGH :
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An interview in the above entitled matter was held
on Wednesday, December 18, 2004, commencing at 9:20 a.m.,
before:

ROB JONES, NTSB
BRIAN CURTIS, NTSB
SEAN MCPHILAMY, USGC
DARRELL HOWELLS, USCG
CAPTAIN LEW KWOK YUE, IMC SHIPPING

1 MR. CURTIS: And I just noticed in the emails it
2 said that they were, they were monitoring weather --

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That is correct.

4 MR. CURTIS: Monitoring weather and something to
5 the fact of waiting to work in the main engine so I didn't
6 know if they had stopped completely.

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, because we took out
8 (indiscernible) 11:00 or so on the 7th and when they took
9 the (indiscernible) it took some (indiscernible) and
10 everybody was scared.

11 MR. CURTIS: Okay and did they keep working there
12 or stop for a period?

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, then they are waiting
14 on the (indiscernible) very dangerous spot for the safety of
15 the people but they were waiting for the weather to go back
16 (indiscernible).

17 MR. CURTIS: Okay so that, you say that was around
18 what that they took the head off?

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 11, around 11, 11:30 on
20 the 7th.

21 MR. CURTIS: Okay and then they, they stopped at
22 that period for some time?

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: The Selendang chief
24 engineer was saying it is very dangerous because
25 (indiscernible) 35, 33, 38 up to 38 it is.

1 MR. CURTIS: Okay and then when did they resume
2 working on the engine, when did the weather calm down or
3 whatever enough to begin working again?

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) they were
5 always there doing (indiscernible) so whenever we had all
6 the (indiscernible).

7 MR. CURTIS: And when, do you recall when they
8 pulled the piston out?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: On 8th morning, around 11,
10 close to 11, 11:30, 11. Soon after (indiscernible), during
11 that time.

12 MR. CURTIS: And so what, what were the -- were
13 they doing anything in the meantime on the main engines
14 between when they took the head out at around 11:00 on the
15 7th until the next morning when they pulled the piston out?
16 Were they working on the engine --

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They were (indiscernible)
18 doing whatever they could do. (Indiscernible) in excess.
19 Whatever (indiscernible) taken out and (indiscernible) take
20 out piston but could not.

21 MR. CURTIS: You mentioned groups. They --

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They had (indiscernible)
23 at no time should you have (indiscernible) half people,
24 another half people later or whenever chief engineer wanted
25 he had all the groups this way. So some people had to be

1 (indiscernible), at no time everybody tried.

2 (Indiscernible) any time they should be in --

3 MR. CURTIS: Do you know if they had a certain
4 watch of so many hours or did they just come?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I left that to chief
6 engineer how to sort it out.

7 MR. CURTIS: Thank you, Captain.

8 Darrell? Oh, I'm sorry, Captain Howells.

9 MR. HOWELLS: Okay so the cylinder head was out
10 about the 11 on the 7th.

11 Okay let me back up a little bit. This is General
12 Howells. Let me back up.

13 Okay they noticed the leak around 10 on the
14 morning in that, of the 6th. So they were working until
15 about, well they worked until 11 the next morning working on
16 the number 3 and the number 6, so that's roughly 24 hours.
17 Is that correct?

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: From time, that is
19 correct.

20 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. So what my question is was
21 the chief engineer awake from the time of the cracked liner
22 until he got on the helicopter? Was he awake all that time?

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no, no.

24 MR. HOWELLS: Okay.

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: He had short naps.

1 MR. HOWELLS: He had short breaks?

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Short breaks.

3 MR. HOWELLS: In your opinion do you think those
4 short breaks were between 11:00 on the 7th and 11 a.m. on
5 the 8th?

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, I think that he, after
7 putting these people, after, after sending the same email he
8 had short break.

9 MR. HOWELLS: Okay, which email?

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: The (indiscernible) after
11 giving the condition of this, the (indiscernible).

12 MR. HOWELLS: Give me a second, let me take some
13 notes. (Indiscernible.) Do we know about what time those
14 pictures were taken?

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Probably about 4-4:30.

16 MR. HOWELLS: 04:30 or 16:30?

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 04:30, early in the
18 morning.

19 MR. HOWELLS: Okay, 04:30 and that would have been
20 on --

21 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: When he gave me all that
22 message I had the same thing and I had to send it. In the
23 meantime (indiscernible).

24 MR. HOWELLS: And that would have been 04:30 of
25 the 8th?

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: On the 7th.

2 MR. HOWELLS: 7th?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 7th.

4 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. Okay, that's right. I got
5 you. So he may, he may have rested.

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, because
7 (indiscernible) somebody was well organizing.

8 MR. HOWELLS: Right.

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: To get the piston cylinder
10 head out.

11 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. Captain, do you know if, now
12 we know that the main engine wasn't running. Do you know if
13 he kept the third or fourth engineer on watch during, during
14 the time that the engine was not running?

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I don't know how he was
16 distributing people.

17 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. Because --

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: But they were
19 (indiscernible).

20 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. Okay so the pictures were
21 sent out at 04:30 on the 7th --

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Well maybe a little later
23 because --

24 MR. HOWELLS: Or approximately.

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: -- because he gave me the

1 (indiscernible) so it takes a little time --

2 MR. HOWELLS: Sure.

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: -- to transfer the case
4 through (indiscernible).

5 MR. HOWELLS: When was the next time you saw him,
6 do you recall?

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I, I didn't see him but I
8 spoke to him. He called me from my (indiscernible) around,
9 about 9, maybe (indiscernible).

10 MR. HOWELLS: 09?

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: About 9, could have been
12 09:30 (indiscernible).

13 MR. HOWELLS: Right. Of the 7th?

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

15 MR. HOWELLS: Okay and that was on the 7th?

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 7th.

17 MR. HOWELLS: Morning?

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 7th morning. He said that
19 they had taken of the cylinder head.

20 MR. HOWELLS: Okay, that's all I have.

21 MR. CURTIS: Just for the record I forgot
22 initially to around the table identify who is in the room.
23 Myself, Brian Curtis, NTSB, Accident Investigator.
24 (Indiscernible), he's the (indiscernible) counsel.

25 MR. LEW: Captain Lew, Safety Manger, IMC.

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Captain Kailash Singh,
2 master of the Selendang Ayu.

3 MR. HOWELLS: Chief Officer Howells, U.S. Coast
4 Guard, Marine Inspector.

5 MR. CURTIS: Well Captain, I guess that's it. I
6 appreciate your time this morning and thanks to the short --

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Thank you.

8 MR. CURTIS: I apologize for the short notice.

9 And this concludes the interview. It's 09:33.

10 (Whereupon, at 9:33 a.m., the interview was
11 concluded.)

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